Diverting organics from the waste stream helps the City meet the goals of the Cambridge Climate

Protection Plan and the goals of the Massachusetts Solid Waste

Master Plan.











SAVE THAT STUFF, Inc. was founded in 1990 to provide cost-effective alternatives to traditional waste disposal. SAVE THAT STUFF, Inc. currently helps over one thousand customers remove corrugated cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, electronics, organics, cans and bottles from their waste stream—helping those businesses, organizations and institutions save money while reducing their impact on the environment.

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Compost that stuff!

More and more business are realizing composting is a cost effective alternative to trash disposal.





Compost and clean up your trash

Join the hundreds of supermarkets, flower shops, cafes and restaurants across the state that are composting almost half of their waste. Composting is easy—it rarely poses a space problem and it can save businesses money.

◄ How does composting save money?

Businesses can control their disposal costs by removing the heavy stuff from their trash.

◄ How does composting work?

Any business that generates compostable material can participate. We provide customers with brown, leak-proof covered carts. Pickup service is available six days per week. We also provide free multilingual posters and training.

→ How does composting help the environment?

By participating, your business will help keep otherwise compostable material out of landfills. The compostable materials are turned into nutrient rich soil that helps grow fresh food. Composting reduces climate change by avoiding methane emissions from organic decay in landfills.

➢ What's compostable?

All Food Scraps: kitchen trimmings, plate scrapings, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, meat, bones, fish dairy products and baked goods.

Food Soiled Paper: paper cups and paper plates, placemats, milk cartons, waxed cardboard boxes and saw dust.

Plants: yard trimmings and floral clippings.

What's not compostable?

Glass, plastic, styrofoam, metal, liquids, grease, and other non-biodegradable items.

◄ Is it messy to keep all that food waste around?

Our program uses a secure, contained storage approach. In addition, Save That Stuff will work with you to develop a pickup schedule that helps you minimize the amount of time the organic materials are stored at your location.

■ Want to start composting?

Please contact SAVE THAT STUFF, Inc. at 617.241.9998

The lifecycle of compost

Today's food scraps and plate scrapings are a great source of organic material for compost. And it's so easy to do:



Put all food, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings into your brown cart.

The collected materials go through a composting process for 10 months.



The finished compost is rich in soil nutrients and is used by farmers, golf courses and landscapers.



There are many great reasons to compost

Here are just four...

- **It's easy to get started.** We provide multi-lingual posters and training.
- **You can save money.** Composting helps control your disposal costs by removing the heavy stuff.
- **It's clean.** Our leak proof containers provide secure storage.
- Finally, it's good for the environment. Food scraps are converted into nutrient rich compost that can be used to grow more fruit and vegetables.

